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FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS

REPORTS CONTINUE TO REACH US THAT -- WHETHER NAIVELY
OR CALCULATEDLY -- GCOB MAY RAISE U.S.-SPANISH BASE
AGREEMENT IN UPCOMING FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS AS EXAMPLE
OF U.S. LARGESS IN "SIMILAR" NEGOTIATIONS ELSEWHERE.
WHILE WE UNDERSTAND GENERAL QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE
DISSIMILARITIES BETWEEN OUR BASE NETWORKS IN TWO
COUNTRIES, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE DETAILED STATE-DOD
SYNOPSIS OF NATURE OF SPANISH BASES (LOCATION, SIZE,
MISSION, ETC.) AND OF TERMS OF AGREEMENT FOR BACKGROUND
USE ONLY IN REBUTTING GCOB CONTENTIONS ABOUT SIMILARITIES.
WE ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY GCOB MAY PRESS US
ON QUESTION OF WHY U.S. COULD MAKE COMMITMENT OF EXIM
LOAN IN SPANISH SITUATION BUT NOT IN THEIRS (SEE
NASSAU 0434). YOUR COMMENTS WELCOMED.
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